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Brazil, PSG soccer star Neymar denies alleged rape in Paris

The international superstar went to Instagram to deny the allegations.

Neymar. REUTERS

Brazil soccer star Neymar has denied an accusation of rape, outlined in a police report seen by Reuters, in which an unnamed woman alleges that the sports star drunkenly assaulted her at an upmarket hotel in the French capital.

Sao Paulo state's public security ministry released a statement confirming the accusation had been made, and said the investigation was still sealed, without giving further details. The police report was obtained by several news organizations including Reuters.

The accusation represents a fresh blow for the Brazilian, who has seen his international reputation suffer amid incidents of indiscipline.

Neymar posted a long video on his Instagram page, in which he denied all the accusations against him, claimed to be a victim of extortion, lamented the pain caused to him and his family, and shared WhatsApp messages with the alleged victim, including racy photos she sent him.

"I'm being accused of rape," he says in the video. "Whoever knows me, knows of my character and my nature, and knows that I would never do a thing like that. ... What happened is exactly the opposite of what they're saying."

His representatives directed Reuters to their official statement, accusing a Sao Paulo lawyer purportedly representing the victim of trying to extort the soccer star. Reuters was unable to determine the identity of the lawyer or to seek comment on the extortion allegation.

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>
> Neymar Sr.

"Faced with this unfortunate, illegal and outrageous event, we completely repudiate the unjust accusations and, above all, the exposure in the press of an extremely negative situation," the statement said. "All evidence of attempted extortion and non-rape shall be submitted to police in a timely manner."

Neymar's father, Neymar Sr., said earlier in a local TV interview that his son needed to move quickly to clean his name or risk the situation snowballing.

"If we have to show Neymar's WhatsApps and the conversations with this girl, we will, because it is clear that it was a trap," he said, adding they were living "difficult moments."

According to the police report, the unnamed woman told investigators in Sao Paulo that she met Neymar on Instagram and he suggested they meet in Paris, where he plays for Paris Saint-Germain. Neymar's assistant sent her plane tickets and on May 15 she checked in to the Hotel Sofitel Paris Arc Du Triomphe, according to her account.

The Sofitel hotel did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The woman told police that Neymar arrived at the hotel that night "apparently drunk," and that they talked and "caressed."

"However, at some point, Neymar became aggressive, and through violence, practiced sexual intercourse against the will of the victim," the police report says.

The woman told police she returned home to Brazil two days later without telling French police about the alleged rape because she was "emotionally shaken and afraid to register the facts in another country," according to the report.

Neymar is currently in Brazil, training with the national soccer team ahead of this month's Copa America. REUTERS

Chances of finding missing climbers alive slim: India

2 Two Indian air force helicopters conducted reconnaissance missions around the Nanda Devi mountain in the Himalayas for eight missing climbers without success on Sunday and survivors are unlikely to be found, two state government officials said. The rescue effort for the climbers — four from Britain, two from the United States, and one each from Australia and India — began on Saturday when they did not return to their base camp on Friday, but it may take days to trek to the avalanche-hit area where they were last known to have been. The second aerial mission concluded after tracing the climbers' "last-known location and footmarks" on the other side of the Nanda Devi East Peak, said Vijay Kumar Jogdande, the top civil servant in the Pithoragarh district of India's rugged state of Uttarakhand. REUTERS

Buffett charity lunch fetches record $4.57M

3 An anonymous bidder has agreed to pay a record $4,567,888 at an annual charity auction to have a private lunch with Warren Buffett, the billionaire chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. The winning bid, which was submitted during a five-day online auction on eBay that ended Friday night, was nearly one-third higher than the previous record $3,456,789 bids in both the 2012 and 2016 auctions. Proceeds benefit the Glide Foundation, a charity in San Francisco's Tenderloin district that serves the poor, homeless or those battling substance abuse. Buffett, 88, has raised about $34.2 million for Glide in 20 annual auctions, which began in 2000 and moved to eBay in 2003. "Mr. Buffett is thrilled. We just spoke with him," Glide President Karen Hanrahan told Reuters after the auction ended. "Mr. Buffett is committed to continuing the auction as long as he's able." REUTERS

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The flag of Mexico changes in front of a large U.S. flag in front of the New York Stock Exchange. REUTERS

Trump doubles down on threat as Mexico and US gear up for tariff talks

Trump said the 5 percent tariffs against Mexico will begin June 10.

Top Mexican and U.S. officials on Sunday prepared for crunch talks next week aimed at averting a major trade clash after President Donald Trump vowed to impose punitive tariffs on all Mexican goods in an intensifying dispute over migration.

Mexico's Economy Minister Graciela Marquez said on Sunday she would meet with U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in Washington on Monday, as the two governments begin holding talks to resolve the issue in the U.S. capital in the coming week.

Trump says he will apply tariffs of 5 percent on Mexican goods on June 10 if Mexico does not halt the flow of illegal immigration, largely from Central America, across the U.S.-Mexico border.

The tariffs will gradually rise to 25 percent if Mexico does not comply with Trump's demands. That threatens major economic damage to Mexico, which sends about 80 percent of its exports to the United States.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador on Saturday hinted his government could agree to tighten migration controls to defuse Trump's threat, and said he expected "good results" from the talks in Washington next week.

Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard is heading the Mexican delegation, which includes Marquez. Marquez said she spoke to her U.S. counterpart Ross during the inauguration of El Salvador's new president on Saturday, without giving details.

Ebrard is expected to meet U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for talks on the crisis on Wednesday, though Mexican officials say they will be holding other meetings beforehand.

Trump's ultimatum has hurt Mexican financial assets and global stocks, but it met resistance from U.S. business leaders and lawmakers worried about the impact of targeting Mexico, one of the United States' top trade partners.

The president went on the attack again on Twitter on Sunday morning, calling Mexico an "abuser of the United States, taking but never giving" and repeating his threats.

"Our many companies and jobs that have been foolishly allowed to move South of the Border, will be brought back into the United States through taxation [Tariffs]," Trump wrote. "America has had enough!"

Lopez Obrador said on Saturday that Mexico would not engage in a trade war, but noted that his government had a "plan" in case Trump did apply the tariffs, without providing details.

He also noted that Mexico reserved the right to seek international legal arbitration to resolve the dispute.

Meanwhile, some Mexican business groups have urged the government to strike back against any Trump tariffs.

On Friday, Mexico's top farm lobby said Lopez Obrador should target agricultural goods from states that support Trump's Republican Party if the American leader carries out his threat to punish Mexico for the migrants heading north.

Apprehensions at the U.S. border with Mexico have surged in recent months, though Mexican data also show more deportations and detentions at Mexico's southern border with Guatemala, mostly of Central Americans trying to reach the United States.

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As Dems swarm San Francisco, Sanders kicks Trump fight into high gear

Fourteen presidential candidates showed up for California's Democratic convention.

Sen. Bernie Sanders on Sunday called on California Democrats to unite against Donald Trump, kicking the 2020 presidential campaign into high gear with jabs against the Republican president and a veiled swipe at Democratic rival Joe Biden.

Sanders called Trump "a racist, a sexist, a homophobe and a religious bigot" in a speech capping off a state Democratic convention that drew 14 of the 24 candidates to make their case before 5,000 delegates, guests and press in the most populous — and most heavily Democratic — U.S. state.

"Together we are going to defeat a president who has the most corrupt administration in history," he said, "and a president who knows nothing about real American values."

The San Francisco convention became a window into the forces at work in the Democratic Party as it seeks to recover from Trump's populist-fueled victory in 2016.

The party's left-leaning delegates greeted Sanders and liberal U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren like rock stars.

Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper drew boos when he said socialist policies would not propel the party to victory, and other moderates were booed for rejecting the idea of a universal public health care system, or Medicare for All.

Former Vice President Joe Biden, who leads Sanders in polls for the Democratic nomination in California and nationwide, did not attend the convention, drawing barely veiled criticism from Sanders.

Sanders noted that the 14 candidates who addressed the convention, as well as some who had "chosen for whatever reason not to be in this room," offer a variety of ways to approach a campaign against Trump. But Sanders rejected the centrist approach favored by Biden and some other candidates.

On issues like health care, pharmaceutical prices and climate change wracking the country, "there is no middle ground," Sanders said.

Addressing concerns among some Democrats that a moderate would be more electable than a fiery progressive, Sanders said such an approach would not generate the enthusiasm needed to defeat Trump.

"We will not defeat Donald Trump unless we bring excitement and energy into the campaign and unless we give millions of working people and young people a reason to vote and a reason to believe that politics is relevant to their lives," Sanders said.

California, which will send nearly 500 delegates to the party's nominating convention next year, took on new heft for the 2020 campaign after moving its nominating election to March from June. Democrats hold all statewide elective offices in the state, and dominate both houses of the legislature.

U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, a native daughter who has been eclipsed in early polling in California by Biden and Sanders, made clear she was not taking her home state for granted.

On Saturday, supporters with signs bearing her name and shouting "Kamala! Kamala!" formed a gauntlet that Sanders was forced to walk through on his way into a labor union breakfast.

"I am here to earn everyone's support, and I'm going to fight to earn it," Harris said at a breakfast held by the party's women's caucus. REUTERS

Democratic presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders. REUTERS

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Shooter was not facing discipline, Virginia officials say

DeWayne Craddock quit his job before opening fire on Friday, killing 12.

The gunman who killed 12 people at a Virginia Beach municipal building before dying in a shootout with police was identified on Saturday as a disgruntled city engineer and co-worker of most of the victims.

All but one of the victims from Friday's mass shooting in the coastal resort community were employed by the city, officials said, while the other was a contractor seeking a permit. Four people were wounded.

The gunman, DeWayne Craddock, had worked for the city's public utilities department for about 15 years, Virginia Beach Police Chief James Cervera said at a news conference. He declined to comment on any possible motive.

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> Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam

"These are 12 individuals who came to work ... thinking they would go home in the evening, and they didn't return and it [has] left a tremendous void in their families and in our community," Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said at a news conference.

It was the worst mass shooting in the United States since November 2018, when a dozen people were slain at a Los Angeles-area bar and grill by a gunman who then killed himself.

Bodies were found on all three floors of the Virginia Beach building and in a car parked outside, according to authorities.

Cervera described the crime scene as "horrific" and said that investigators who spent the night inside the building endured a "physical, emotional and psychological toll."

Police said the gunman was armed with two .45 caliber pistols and used an employee pass to enter secure areas before firing "immediately and indiscriminately" on victims while reloading with multiple extended ammunition magazines.

At least one of the pistols was fitted with a "sound suppressor," police said. Both handguns were bought legally by the shooter within the last three years, Ashan Benedict, a special agent at the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, told the news conference.

Two more firearms were found at the home where Craddock lived alone, he said.

After the attack began, two police supervisors from a building across the street arrived within minutes, Cervera said, and they were quickly joined by two police dog-handlers. The suspect was killed after a lengthy gun battle.

The victims who worked for Virginia Beach had been employed for between 11 months and 41 years. Six worked in the public utilities department and five were employed in the public works department.

A number of vigils and commemorations are planned, including a memorial service the city is organizing for Thursday evening.

MAKESHIFT BARRICADES

The bloodshed unfolded at Building 2 of the municipal center complex on Friday afternoon as workers prepared to leave for the weekend. Some survivors recounted how they cowered in fear after stacking desks against office doors as makeshift barricades.

Three of the wounded victims were in critical condition and a fourth was in fair condition at local hospitals, said Julie Hill, a spokeswoman for Virginia Beach. REUTERS

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Clinical trials paving way for improved mental health care

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Clinical trials are a powerful tool when it comes to mental health treatment, especially for those who are living without adequate health insurance. Through innovative studies, Hassman Research Institute brings together some of the nation's leading specialists to make breakthroughs in a wide variety of mental illnesses. Metro spent time with Dr. Steven J. Glass, HRI's psychiatric medical director, to shed light on how clinical trials are paving the way for improved treatment and better patient care.

How are clinical trials improving mental health treatment?

I've spent most of my career working with serious mental illnesses like schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression. About 20 years ago, I started working in clinical trials research where we were doing the work necessary to determine whether new products were useful in the treatment of particular conditions, or if already-on-the-market products were useful in treating conditions they weren't originally intended to treat. What I found was that by following a protocol provided by a pharmaceutical sponsor, we had the opportunity to monitor the participants in a much closer way than in traditional community-available treatment.

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What are the other benefits of enrolling in a clinical trial?

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What role does insurance play in a clinical trial?

My interest has always been in helping people get the treatment they need, rather than be limited by an insurance company that may not be looking out for their best interest. This is why clinical trials research has always appealed to me. With clinical trials, we're working on protocols, so there's flexibility. Patients can always have an unscheduled visit to ask questions and get help. They don't have to answer to anyone or fight an appeal to get the care they need.

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Dr. Steven J. Glass
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PANHANDLERS

I'm all for helping people in need, but when someone asking for money on the train — supposedly to buy food — turns down someone giving them something edible, it leaves me in awe. Musicians busking are the only ones whom I don't mind sparing a buck or two for.

— **Anonymous,** *Metro US reader*

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Aries Do what you do best and avoid getting involved in situations or conversations that can lead to trouble. Finish what you start in order to maintain a good reputation.

Taurus Make a change that counts. Go the distance and take pride in what you do. Shortcuts will be frowned upon by influential people. Stick to the rules.

Gemini Listen to what's being said or offered before you decide to get involved in someone else's project. You are best off following your dreams and focusing on what makes you happy.

Cancer Look for creative ways to stay in shape. If you enjoy doing something physical, turn it into a workout routine. The compliments you receive will encourage you to do more.

Leo Helping others may be tiring, but the rewards will be worth your while. An interesting conversation will spark your imagination and open up a window of opportunity.

Virgo Focus on what you need to accomplish. Make the necessary changes and do your best to avoid situations that could set you off or lead you into indulgence. Choose love over discord.

Libra Be open to suggestions and learn all you can from someone who has more experience or higher credentials than you. A meeting, business trip or lecture is favored.

Scorpio A positive change is heading your way. Discuss matters pertaining to a joint venture or lopsided partnership. Use reason to get good results.

Sagittarius Trust only what you know to be factual. Evading issues will only make matters worse. Do your best to stick to time-tested guidelines and rules.

Capricorn Stick to your plans. Don't worry if someone decides to take a different path. Domestic changes will be good investments and will please someone you love.

Aquarius Don't depend on others when you can make your own opportunities. If you wait for someone to honor a promise or proposal, you'll be disappointed. Be prepared to do the work and reap the rewards.

Pisces Keep your life simple and your conversations truthful. Don't make promises you cannot deliver. Physical activity will help you gain strength as well as confidence. Focus on health and fitness. EUGENIA LAST

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The actress stars in the thriller "Ma" produced by Jason Blum, known for films such as "Paranormal Activity" and "The Purge."

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In this thriller, American actress Octavia Spencer breaks with the stereotypes of strong women she has interpreted in past films like "The Help," which earned her an Oscar in 2011 for Best Supporting Actress.

The 49-year-old actress is back on the big screen, but now in the horror genre, with "Ma," in which she plays Sue Ann, a woman who seeks revenge on her high school friends after years of harassment and torture. She co-stars with Luke Evans, Juliette Lewis, Missi Pyel and Allison Janney, among others, under the direction of Tate Taylor.

In an interview with Metro, Spencer pointed out that she had wanted to leave aside empowered women characters and show a new facet as an actress.

How would you describe your character in this movie?
Sue Ann, whom everyone knows as Ma, is a lonely woman who opens the doors of her basement to a group of young people so that they can have a place to do their parties, which supposedly is a safe place, but when she discovers that these guys have a relationship with her past, everything becomes very dark. It is when she brings out all the hatred she has had inside for many years.

Throughout your career you have played several characters, but this one is different. What were the biggest challenges of interpreting Ma?
Of course, playing Ma was one of the biggest challenges of my career. It really was a difficult character because she is very complex. She is a woman who emotionally has many problems and loves the drama in her life, then when she realizes that she can take revenge on those who hurt her, she tries to do that at the expense of everything. I think one of the most important points is that she behaves like a teenager when she is really an adult.

Which genre do you most like to do: drama, thrillers or comedies?
I enjoy everything. I couldn't just say one in particular because it would be a lie. I love what I do, I love being an actress and being able to have opportunities to become different characters. That's what I live for and if I can spread a message that helps society, that makes it even better still. But if you invite me to do an action movie, I may doubt it because I don't like weapons.

You are an actress who has portrayed strong women in films like "The Help." Why do you play these kinds of characters?
It's funny because in

"With 'Ma' I break all the stereotypes that people have of me" OCTAVIA SPENCER

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this film I break all the stereotypes that people have of me. They know me as an actress who plays wise, strong and even shameless women, but this time I'm just the opposite. In this film I'm a weak and vulnerable woman and I think it's good to have those two sides because it's always good to give voice to both victims and perpetrators.

Who are the women you admire?

I admire many women but mainly my sisters, who always sacrificed to get ahead, and my mom, because without them I would not be the woman I am today. There are many women I admire but I always put my family first.

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Center City District Sips kicks off this week.

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Summer is here and that means Center City District (CCD) Sips is finally returning, and every Philadelphian can finally look forward to hump day during this sun-kissed season. Every Wednesday some of Center City's top spots will offer enticing specials, discounts and more to help beat the heat and keep your week moving in the right direction. Effen Vodka will be an official partner again this year, and the 2019 Sips season officially kicks off this Wednesday, June 5.

Over 80 participating bars will be offering $6 signature cocktails featuring Effen Vodka, $5 wine, $4 beer and half-priced appetizers every week (until Aug. 28) from 5 to 7 p.m. Participating restaurants include Abe Fisher, Bar Bombon, Bellini Grill, Cavanaugh's Rittenhouse, Craftsman Row Saloon, Dilworth Park Café, Franky Bradley's, Aki Nom Nom, Harp & Crown, Independence Beer Garden, Max Brenner, Opa, Sampan, SUGA by Susana Foo, Uptown Beer Garden, Woody's Bar, Yakitori Boy and many more. There are also a few new additions added to the already impressive lineup of hot spots this year including Continental Midtown, Giuseppe & Sons and Iron Hill Brewery. The full list of participating restaurants is available on CCD Sips' official website.

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cials, but the Effen Vodka drinks will be the same at each CCD Sips spot. According to the release, the cocktails will feature a few of Effen's delicious flavors: Their tasty repertoire includes Original, Black Cherry, Raspberry, Cucumber, Blood Orange and Green Apple, as well as the newly released Effen Rosé and Effen Yuzu Citrus. Philadelphians can also find recipes for the Effen Rosé Club Soda and the Effen Yuzu Citrus and Grapefruit Club Soda online as well, so everyone can bring the fun home with them.

If you're hungry by 7 p.m., stick around for a delicious dinner deal. A few of CCD Sips' participating spots will also be offering a 15 percent discount following happy hour.

According to the release, CCD Sips' participants can post their own "CCD SIPS story" on Twitter and Instagram using #CCDSIPS for the chance to win $200 in gift cards to participating locations. One winner will be selected during each month of Sips.

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4 APPS TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Technology is capable of making life easier for those who suffer from a disability. Metro highlights the best apps developed to do so.

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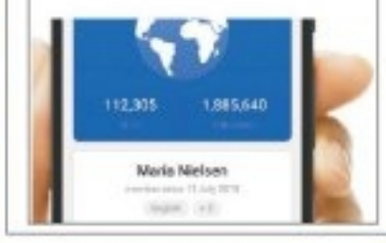
Be My Eyes

A free app that connects blind and low-vision people with sighted volunteers and company representatives for assistance through live video calling, Be My Eyes helps to solve big and small tasks, so people with the disability can have more independent lives.



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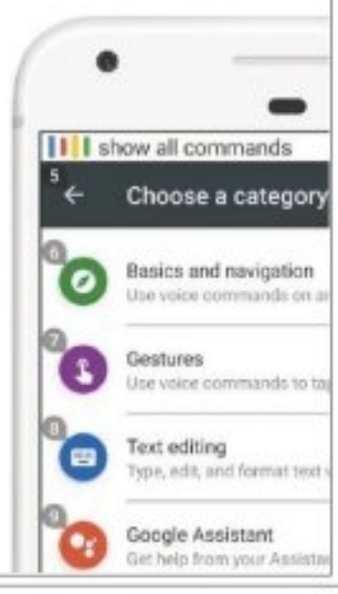
DisabledPark is a free web platform and mobile app that aims to make everyday life easier for people with reduced mobility and their companions. Thanks to the project, users can access information on the exact locations of designated parking spaces.

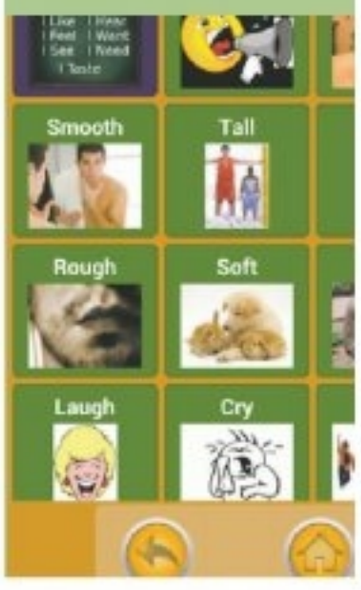
Voice Access

Voice Access is an accessibility service that helps users who have difficulty using a touchscreen (due to paralysis, tremor or temporary injury) to operate their Android devices with voice. It utilizes the power of Google's Voice Search to help control the device.



JABtalk

JABtalk is a free open-source Android application designed to help nonverbal children and adults to communicate. By combining personalized voice and images with an extremely simple user interface, the app provides a speech solution that is both fun to use and easy to learn.



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5 Fun things to do in Philly this week

Test your wits at an "Indiana Jones"-themed escape room, indulge in delicious BBQ and bourbon, and more.

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Looking for some fun and unique things to do in Philly this week? We've got you covered.

"Indiana Jones" Escape Room Pop-Up

The Shops at Liberty Place is collaborating with the Mann Center and Xscape the Room for one day only to bring Philadelphians an incredible adventure: the "Raiders of the Lost Ark" escape room pop-up event. Teams who are brave enough to take on this exciting task will feel like they have been transported straight into an "Indiana Jones" film and will have to test their wits, "archaeology professor" skills and speed to beat other teams for the chance to win a 4-pack of tickets to see "'Raiders of the Lost Ark' in Concert," performed live by the Reading Symphony Orchestra at the Mann Center on June 15. If you don't want to join in on the escape room but still want to try and win tickets for the Reading Symphony Orchestra concert, head to the on-site table during the pop-up to register for a chance to win two tickets. *June 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., The Shops at Liberty Place, 1625 Chestnut St., shopsatliberty.com*

"Freakonomics Radio" Live Show

One of the 10 most popular podcasts in the country, "Freakonomics Radio" is coming to the City of Brotherly Love to host a special live show on June 6 at the Kimmel Center, in partnership with WHYY. Host Stephen Dubner will be joined by "Grit" author Angela Duckworth as co-host, and this exciting show will only be happening in Philly and for one night only. According to the release, guests will come onstage and try to wow Dubner and Duckworth with a fascinating fact, historical wrinkle or new line of research. There will be a fact-checker making sure every interesting piece of information is true. At the end of the evening, the live audience will vote to determine the winning guest with the most fascinating tidbit. *June 6, 7:30 p.m., Kimmel Center, 300 S. Broad St., $40, kimmelcenter.org*

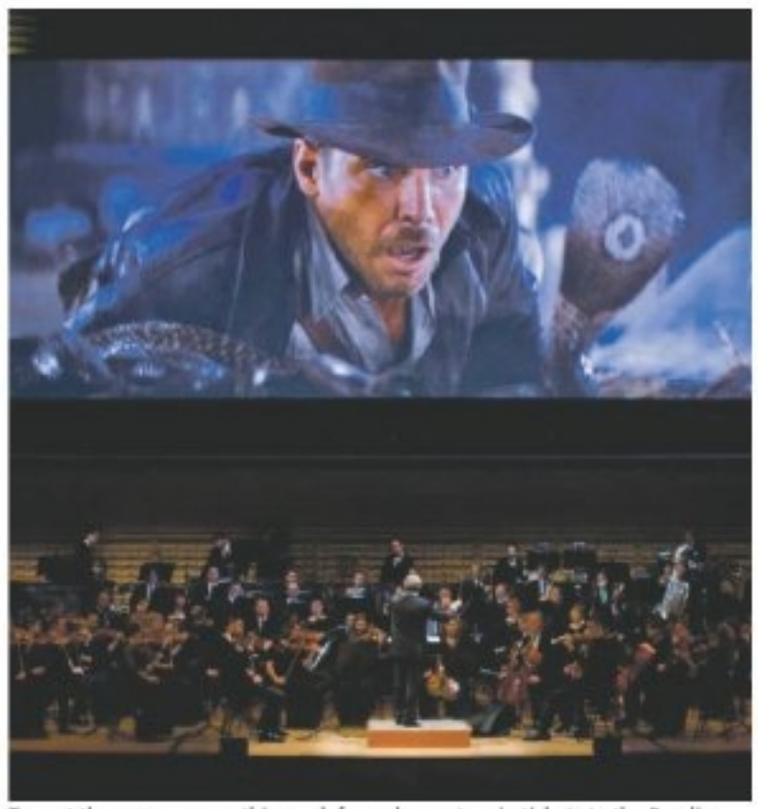
Sixth Annual Bubby's Cook-off

The sixth annual Bubby's Cook-off will feature plenty of delicious upscale barbeque and tasty bourbon. The spirited event will kick off with a BBQ face-off between Brooklyn brisket king Chef Izzy and Philly pitmaster Chad Rosenthal. There will also be a collection of premium Kentucky bourbon and whiskey to sample as well. The mouthwatering three-course BBQ dinner will be paired with the samples, and an awards ceremony will follow. According to the release, Chef Yos from Hassid & Hipster in South Beach, Florida, will also be on hand serving his enticing barbeque. Food and media personality Chef Hope Cohen, along with Emmy-winning writer John Markus and Cool Smoke BBQ's Tuffy Stone from Lynchburg, Virginia, have been tapped as the event's three judges. *June 5, 6 p.m., Glazier Jewish Center, 25 N. State St., Newton, $200, jewishcenter.info*

Summer Barre Series at Comcast Plaza

The Bar Method Rittenhouse is hosting a pop-up every Tuesday this month at The Plaza at the Comcast Center, and everyone is invited out to join in on the exciting and fitness-focused fun. The classes will be held on June 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 5 to 6:15 p.m. An express class will also be held from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Any Philadelphian who is interested must register online on The Bar Method Rittenhouse website's and bring their own mat, towel and water bottle. If you can't make it to any of the classes this month, July's partner will be Pure Barre Philly. They will also be hosting an express barre class throughout the month of July. *Every Tuesday in June, 5 p.m., The Plaza at the Comcast Center, 1701 John F Kennedy Blvd., Comcast Center Concourse, clients.mindbodyonline.com*

Rowhouse Grocery's Classes

Head down to South Philly hot spot Rowhouse Grocery to check out their impressive selection of produce, treats, homemade bites and more. Guests can also partake in their fun and informative classes and delicious lunches. On June 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., join in on Rowhouse's Community Lunch with Chef Allie Hauptman and Chef Jen Holman, and then be sure to get some goodie shopping done after the class ends. *June 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Rowhouse Grocery, 1713 McKean St., $10-$20, rowhousegrocery.com*

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Two screens are better than one

While we still cannot call it a market trend, dual-screen laptops are on the rise. Asus introduced the ZenBook Pro Duo with dual touchscreens at Computex 2019, while Intel did not fall behind with its own prototype.

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Better than the ScreenPad, and much better than the Touch Bar

The idea is not new at all: Since last year's ZenBook Pro, Asus has been trying to convince us to have more than one screen on a laptop. And this week the manufacturer introduced at Computex 2019 the ZenBook Pro Duo, which is the evolution of its previous laptop, now with a screen on the trackpad. Below the main display there is another touchscreen that goes from side to side on the terminal, and that works as a secondary screen, a toolbar or even as an input.

Of course, the ZenBook Pro Duo is not for everyone: Asus imagined it as powerful equipment with high-end features designed for content creation, art and design. The secondary screen, called ScreenPad Plus, can be used as a control for various applications — similar to the Touch Bar on recent MacBook Pros — or with a stylus, in the same way you would use a tablet like a Cintiq.

Inside, the equipment has what we would expect from a high-end ZenBook: Intel Core i9 eight-core processor, configurations of up to 32 GB of RAM and a GeForce RTX 2060 6 GB that powers both displays.

If these specifications are too much for you, Asus has a little brother: the ZenBook Duo, which is identical to the Pro version in terms of screens, but a little smaller — 14 inches instead of 15.6 — and Full HD instead of UHD. It also has a state-of-the-art Intel Core i7 that still has not been confirmed, and a GeForce MX250 of 2 GB in video as well as 16 GB of RAM at most.

Asus has not yet confirmed its official prices and aims to launch during the third quarter of the year, maybe arriving to Latin America in Q4.

The dual-screen of the "Honeycomb Glacier" lifts

Meanwhile, at an event called Intel Open House in the framework of Computex, the chip company presented the "Honeycomb Glacier," very similar to the ZenBook Pro Duo.

Remarkably similar in form, with a main screen and a secondary display on the keyboard, its difference lies in that it includes an additional hinge at the center which allows both screens to be lifted to a position that seems to be more "natural" for a device that, basically, is still a laptop. According to specialized media, the screens stay fixed in the position that you leave them, either with the hinges halfway or with the screens fully extended at an angle of almost 90 degrees.

According to Intel, the market for this form factor is directly exclusive: gamers, content creators and designers, who can take advantage of the secondary screen to complement the tasks they perform on the superior one.

Bearing this in mind, it is very possible that 2020 becomes the year of dual-screens. With Asus at the helm and Intel thinking about prototypes, it would not be strange to see more manufacturers getting on board. Dell has already announced that they are working on a computer with this technology, and we are waiting for the rest.

ZenBook Pro Duo

The main screen, which is also tactile, is a 15.6-inch UHD OLED monitor (3840 × 2160); the secondary one a 14-inch IPS (3840 × 1100) IPS panel that has a matte anti-reflective cover, which looks deceptively dark in photographs but has a brightness very similar to the main screen. The main display is not far behind, with a contrast ratio of 100000:1, a DCI-P3 color gamut at 100 percent, and HDR.

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Stanley Cup Final betting breakdown

How to bet on hockey and a look at Bruins–Blues betting offers.

MATT BURKE

Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

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Be sure to pick up MetroBet in the Metro Philly print edition and check out **MetroBet.us** in the coming days as we will have exclusive offers as it pertains to online sports betting in Pennsylvania!

Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final tonight between the Bruins and the Blues presents a strong betting opportunity as it looks damn close to being a must-win for St. Louis.

Boston has shown a killer instinct this postseason and it is at its best when it smells blood. The Bruins are 3-0 in Game 4s so far this postseason (all have been on the road).

Up 3-2 over the Blue Jackets in Round 2, they closed out Columbus with a 3-0 victory on the road to end the series in six. Up 2-0 over the Hurricanes in the Eastern Conference Finals, they went into Carolina and won Games 3 and 4 to clinch it.

Still, the Blues are moneyline favorites tonight at -120.

If you bet $20 on the Bruins at +100 to win tonight, you would win $20 with a payout of $40.

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Another popular hockey bet is over-under totals. For instance, tonight's Game 4 has an over-under of 5.5 goals scored at most sportsbooks. The Bruins and Blues have hit the Over in two of the three games played so far.

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Many sharps believe Boston still has a higher performance ceiling given recent playoff form, and what appears to be an ability to create more power-play opportunities in this matchup with aggression.

While there's still plenty of hockey to be played, betting markets now have the Bruins as prohibitive favorites to lift the Cup. The series is back on serve, a big perk for the team enjoying home-ice advantage. It will still be on serve if St. Louis zig-zags back Monday night to tie the tally at two wins apiece.

Moneyline math shows Boston at about 60 to 62 percent to win its home games, with those left in St. Louis at about 50 to 52 percent for the Blues. We start at a 2-1 series lead for the Bruins. Adding up the decimals over the final four games, you get about 4.2 wins for Boston, 2.8 wins for St. Louis.

VSiN hockey contributor Andy MacNeil loaned us his Monte Carlo series simulator. Using currently anticipated money lines, Boston should win the Stanley Cup 76 percent of the time with this 2-1 lead.

TWEET OF THE DAY

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Andy Ruiz Jr. (25-1 odds) gave hope to all the underdogs and officially brought "dad bods" back for Summer 2019.

Best bets

Phillies, NHL betting previews

Phillies at Padres

Tonight's Phillies at Padres game will be a highly bet-on game considering that there are only four games on the MLB slate today.

The Phils will be sending their ace to the mound in Aaron Nola late tonight and that's brutal news for San Diego as the Pads are one of the worst run-producing teams in baseball this year. The Padres have tallied just 229 runs on the year, good for 26th in the majors.

Nola is also exceptionally hot of late as he hasn't given up over three earned runs in a game since April 15.

The Padres will counter with young lefty Eric Lauer, who also has been throwing the ball well lately. In his last three games, he has given up a grand total of three earned runs.

Still, the 23-year-old Lauer has shown the propensity to get roughed up. On May 10 against Colorado, the Rockies hung eight earned runs on Lauer and sent him back to the dugout after just three innings.

Bryce Harper may also have Lauer's number as he hit a moonshot of a home run against him last year when he was still in D.C.

The play: Phillies -120

Bruins at Blues

The Bruins' top line, Patrice Bergeron, David Pastrnak and Brad Marchand, combined for five points on Saturday night. Third-line center Charlie Coyle scored his eighth goal of the playoffs, which tied him with Bergeron and Marchand for the team lead, speaking to Boston's superior depth.

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St. Louis has gotten minimal contributions from players outside top-line forwards Vladimir Tarasenko and Jaden Schwartz. Binnington has stopped just 36 of the last 43 shots he's faced (.837 save percentage). The rookie netminder was pulled for the first time in his career in Game 3 after allowing five goals in fewer than two periods of work. Expect the Blues' offense to get a bit more desperate and net two or three goals against Tuukka Rask, but look for the Bruins' offense to keep rolling, too.

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Phillies pick up Bruce from M's

The Phillies added another power bat to their lineup by picking up the veteran lefty from Seattle.

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The Philadelphia Phillies added some veteran outfield depth on Sunday when they acquired Jay Bruce from the Seattle Mariners.

Philadelphia will absorb most of Bruce's remaining $21.5 million over the next two seasons of his contract.

Bruce, 32, was slashing .212/.283/.533 in his first season with the Seattle Mariners as he's become a feast-or-famine-like hitter. Of his 35 hits this season, 14 of them were home runs along with 28 RBI in 47 games.

He was traded to the Mariners this winter from the New York Mets in a package deal that sent Robinson Cano and Edwin Diaz to the Phillies' NL East rivals.

Bruce has been one of the more underrated power bats throughout his career, mainly with the Cincinnati Reds.

He eclipsed the 20-home-run mark in 10 of his first 11 seasons, including five 30-home-run seasons during that stretch.

Just two seasons ago, Bruce mashed a career-best 36 round-trippers with the Mets and Cleveland Indians before returning to Queens in 2018. Injuries shortened his campaign to just 94 games in which he hit just nine home runs.

Bruce's bat provides another power option for the Phillies, who have seen some inconsistencies within the offense throughout 2019. The lefty is expected to boost the team's miserable pinch-hitting situation while getting starts in left field against right-handed pitchers.

Putting him in a hitter's venue like Citizens Bank Park could see Bruce's homer-heavy season experience an even greater uptick. In 158 career plate appearances in Philadelphia, he's batting .294 with 10 homers and a .914 OPS.

However, it is a sizable investment for a team that has other needs, especially on the mound. The Phillies' bullpen has been decimated by injuries while the starting rotation lacks depth.

Expect the Phillies to remain a major player on the market to address those needs the closer things get to the league's trade deadline at the end of July.

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Sixers to offer Butler max contract

While the future of Jimmy Butler in Philadelphia remains an uncertainty, it doesn't mean that the 76ers aren't going down without a fight.

ESPN's Brian Windhorst reported over the weekend that the Sixers will offer the 29-year-old a max-salary contract extension.

It's an expected move, considering what the 76ers had to give up just to acquire Butler back in November. General manager Elton Brand sent Jerryd Bayless, Robert Covington, Dario Saric and a 2022 second-round draft pick to the Minnesota Timberwolves for six months of a secured Butler.

Now with free agency looming on July 1, his situation remains unclear.

Butler sent plenty of Sixers fans into a panic on May 16 when he posted a message on Instagram thanking Philadelphia fans and his teammates. Usually,

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that's a move made by players who are ready to skip town.

Upon his arrival in Philadelphia, it was believed that a long-term extension would be worked out quickly to avoid free agency. Yet inklings of issues within the organization, including reports of Butler openly challenging head coach Brett Brown, saw those hopes lose steam.

The 76ers failed to live up to expectations this season despite putting together one of the strongest starting fives in the NBA. A lack of depth behind Ben Simmons, JJ Redick, Butler, Tobias Harris and Joel Embiid doomed Philadelphia as they bowed out in the second round of the playoffs to the Toronto Raptors.

While Butler would have to play second fiddle at times to Embiid and Simmons if he re-signed, he would also make the most money possible if he stayed in Philadelphia.

The Sixers can offer Butler a maximum deal of five years worth around $190 million in July. He only could have made a maximum of $110 million over four years if he decided to sign an extension before June 30.

Butler is just one of several unrestricted free agents the Sixers are in danger of losing this summer. Tobias Harris and JJ Redick will also be hitting the open market while Ben Simmons is in line for a contract extension as well.

The four-time All Star is coming off his worst season since 2013-14, averaging 18.7 points and four assists per game this season.

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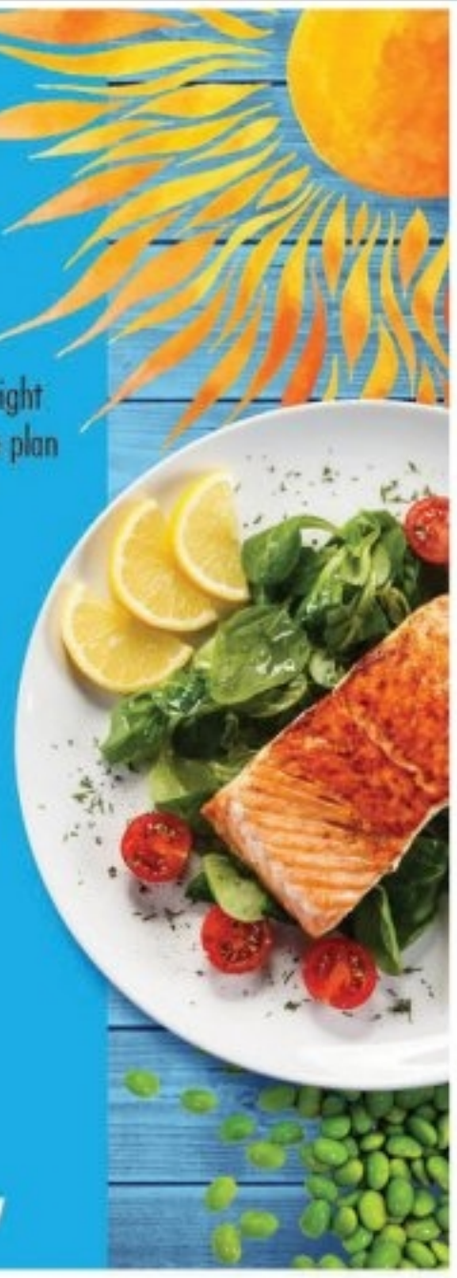

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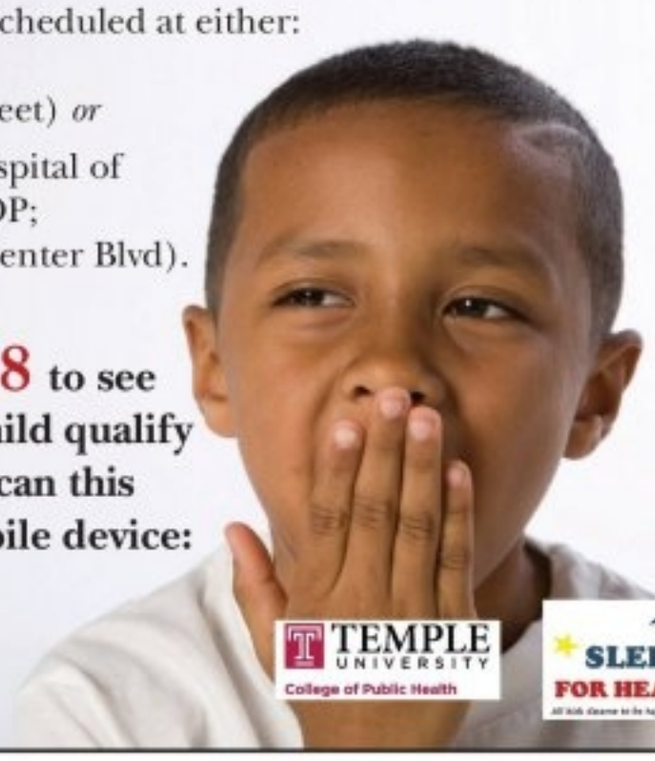

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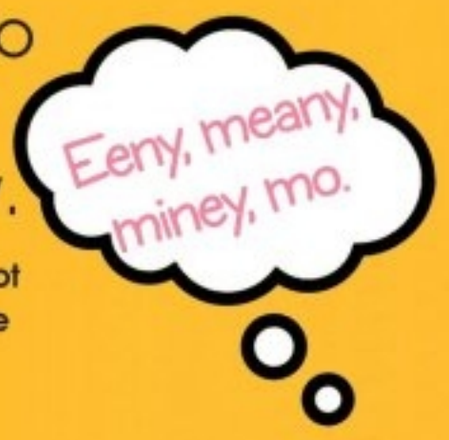

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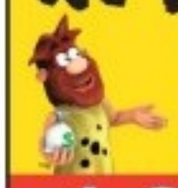

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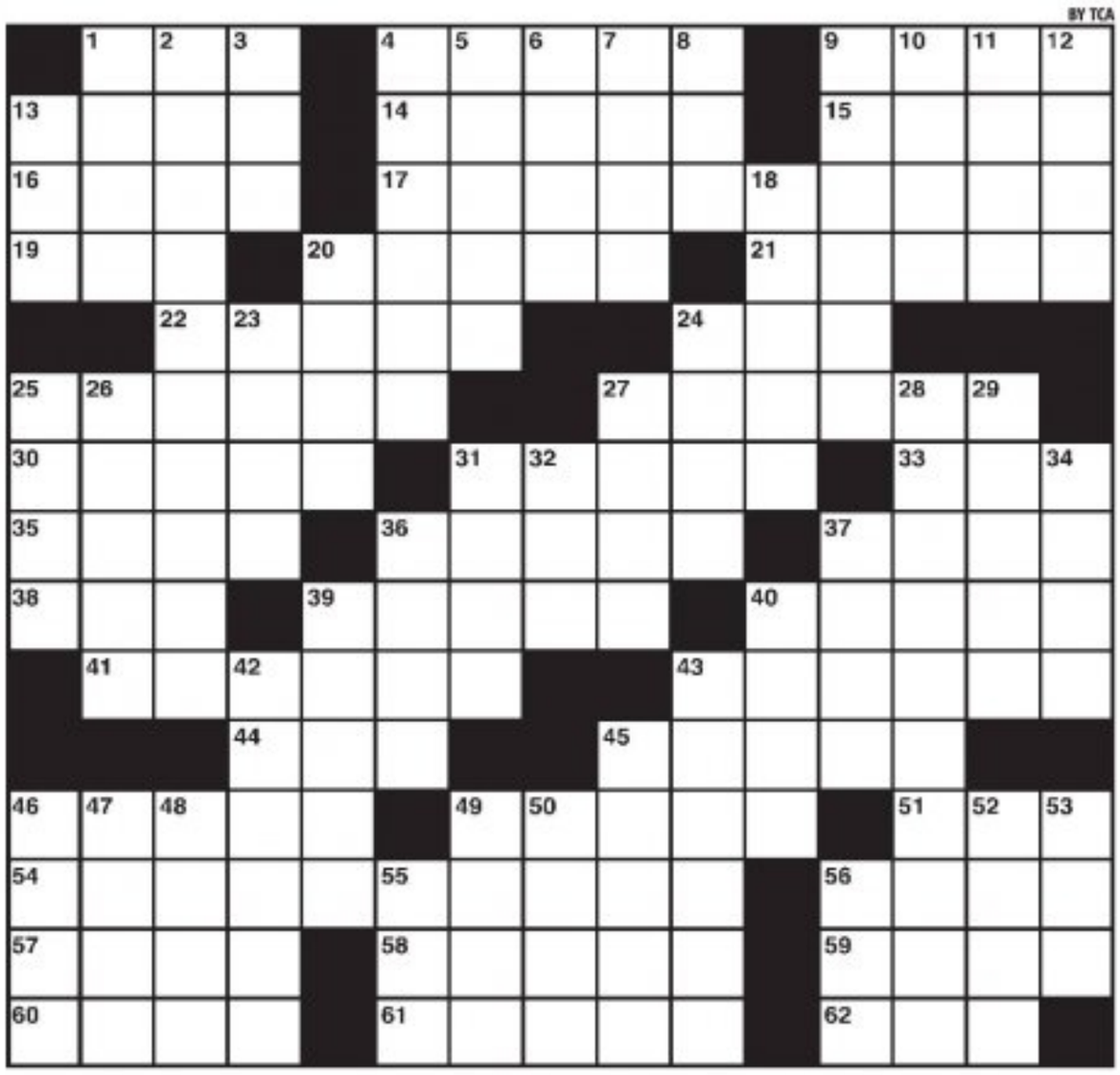

ACROSS
1 Dinner in the barn
4 Tire in the trunk
9 Boast
13 Small rodents
14 Refreshing drinks
15 British nobleman
16 Rainbows
17 Opposition
19 Peg for Tiger
20 Actor Matt
21 "__ World Turns"
22 Jumps
24 To __; namely
25 Candle shop delights
27 Sight, hearing, taste, etc.
30 Chutzpah
31 Assembly of battleships
33 Bigwig, for short
35 Call it __; quit & go home
36 Beg
37 Virginia __; lively dance
38 Mrs. Nixon
39 Blossom
40 Wild Australian dog
41 Recover losses
43 Bathed
44 Remain behind
45 Warm jacket
46 Up and about
49 TV's "Kate & __"
51 Org. for Kings & Wizards
54 Indirect
56 First person
57 Actress __-Na Wen
58 Piece of china
59 Lunch shop
60 Kill
61 Caruso or Pavarotti
62 Unusual

DOWN
1 Bring on board
2 Speed up
3 Simple reply
4 Leftover bits
5 Odes & limericks
6 Too
7 Picnic spoiler
8 Suffix for heir or giant
9 Wild animals
10 Angry speech
11 Part of the foot
12 Delight
13 Floor pad
18 Besmirch
20 Go out with
23 1 of 7 deadly sins
24 Garden intruder
25 Clothing fastener
26 Fragrant wood
27 Stitched joining
28 Fair; impartial
29 Military attack
31 Complete failure
32 Early August baby
34 Walk with heavy steps
36 Sink stopper
37 Hazard
39 Plank
40 "How __ you!"; cry of outrage
42 Like clothes with static
43 Restaurant employee
45 Disney dog
46 Weapons
47 Dirt
48 Albacore, e.g.
49 Suffix for laugh or laud
50 Money lent
52 Hairless
53 "What Kind of Fool __?"
55 Isn't __ to; probably won't
56 Fuss

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